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37 CFR § 1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Martin John Charles Offa-Jones

Confirmation No.: **4678**

Application No.: **10/070,467**

Group Art Unit: **3677**

Filing Date: **July 11, 2002**

Examiner: **James R. Brittain**

For: **RECLOSABLE FASTENERS FOR PLASTICS BAGS AND OTHER
CONTAINERS**

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL PURSUANT
TO 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the
above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

- ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply under 37 CFR § 1.116
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other:

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FEE CALCULATION:

				SMALL ENTITY		NOT SMALL ENTITY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FILING FEE				\$395	\$395	\$790.00	\$0
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER RCE	HIGHEST NO. PAID FOR	EXTRA				
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	20	0	\$25 EACH	\$0	\$50 EACH	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3	0	\$100 EACH	\$0	\$200 EACH	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT				\$180	\$0	\$360	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$60	\$0	\$120	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$225	\$225	\$450	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$510	\$0	\$1020	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME				\$795	\$0	\$1590	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (May only be taken when filing RCE in lieu of Appeal Brief)				\$1080	\$0	\$2160	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> LESS ANY EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID				minus	(\$0)	minus	(\$)
<input type="checkbox"/> TERMINAL DISCLAIMER				\$65	\$0	\$130	\$
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$620		\$

- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of **\$620.00**.
- ☒ A response to the Final Rejection dated July 5, 2006 was due on October 5, 2006. Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time period for response from October 5, 2006 to and through December 5, 2006 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of 2 month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

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SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

Date: December 5, 2006

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